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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Re: Application Serial No. 10/789,216

Filing Date: February 27, 2004

Applicant: Navarro et al.

Title: TUBULAR BANDING APPLICATOR
AND METHOD

Atty. Ref: AXN018P

Dear Sir:

In view of In Re Swissco Foods Ltd. (25 USPQ2d 1552, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, 1992), we are inquiring regarding the status of the above referenced application since we have not had any communication from the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application. In addition to providing us with information on the status of this application, we request that you inform us as to when we should next inquire regarding the status of this application.

Thank you very much for a prompt response to this inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Philips".

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